

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/813,129

Examiner

Hiep Nguyen

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

2816

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to application filed on 03-31-04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. The drawings filed on 03-31-04 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 03-31-04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and /or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issued fee.

Authorization for this examiner' s amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Charles M. Marmelstein (Reg. No. 25,895) on 05-12-05

The following changes have been made to the subject application:

In the Abstract

Delete " conventionally,...the minimum needed circuit elements" on lines 1 to 4.

Replace "The voltage detection circuit" on line 4 with "A voltage detection circuit".

In the claims:

Claim 4:

Line 2; replace " the predetermined voltage" with --the predetermined level--.

Claim 5:

Line 2; replace " the predetermined voltage" with --the predetermined level--.

Claim 10:

Line 2; replace " the predetermined voltage" with --the predetermined level--.

Claims 2- 6 and 8-11 :

Line 1; replace " as clamed" with --as claimed--.

Claim 14:

Line 4; replace " the predetermined voltage" with --the predetermined level--.

Claim 15:

Line 4; replace " the predetermined voltage" with --the predetermined level--.

Reason for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art reference of records (US Pat. 6,630,858), figure 3, includes all the limitations of claims 1,7 and 13 except for the limitation that there is a resistor connecting the base with the emitter of the second transistor as called for in claims 1,7 and 13. References (US Pat. 5,926,062, 5,059,890, 6,661,258) show transistors having resistors connecting between the bases and the emitters. But there is no motivation to implement a resistor of the above references between the base and the emitter of transistor (BP1) or (BP2) in figure 3. Therefore, claims 1-15 are presently allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hiep Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1752. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on (571) 272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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